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VIRUSES COMPRISING MUTANT ION CHANNEL PROTEIN

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the final Office Action mailed August 26, 2003, said period of response being extended from November 26, 2003 to February 26, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully Submitted

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